UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

JILL BABCOCK, MARGUERITE MADDOX, and ASHLEY JACOBSON, on behalf of themselves and others similarly situated,

PLAINTIFFS,

-VS-

Case No. 22-cv-12951 Hon, Mark A. Goldsmith

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, CITY OF DETROIT, WAYNE COUNTY BUILDING AUTHORITY, DETROIT-WAYNE JOINT BUILDING AUTHORITY,

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CITY OF DETROIT'S ANSWER TO SECOND AMENDED CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

Defendant, City of Detroit ("The City"), answers Plaintiff's Second Amended

Class Action Civil and Disability Rights Complaint for Injunctive and Other Relief as
follows:

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

- 1. Neither admit nor deny the Plaintiff's summary of the action. Deny the factual allegations in this paragraph.
- 2. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 3. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 4. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 5. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 6. Admit that the City is aware of, and has complied with, its obligations under the law. Neither admit nor deny the remaining allegations for lack of knowledge or information.
- 7. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 8. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation does not require a response.

FEDERAL JURISDICTION

- 9. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation does not require a response.
- 10. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation does not require a response.
- 11. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response.

- 12. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response.
- 13. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response.
- 14. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 15. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response.

VENUE

- 16. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 17. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 18. Admit that the Defendant City of Detroit is located within the jurisdiction of the Eastern District of Michigan. Neither admitted nor denied as to the other allegations.
- 19. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation does not require a response.

PARTIES PLANITIFF

- 20. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information including all sub-paragraphs.
- 21. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 22. On information and belief, admit.
- 23. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 24. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 25. Admit.

- 26. On in formation and belief, admit that Plaintiff Jill Babcock is employed by the City of Detroit in the Housing and Revitalization Department (HRD). Neither admit nor deny the other allegations in this paragraph.
- 27. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 28. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 29. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 30. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 31. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 32. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 33. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 34. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 35. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
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- 44. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.

- 45. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 46. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 47. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 48. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 49. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 50. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 51. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 52. On in formation and belief, admit that Plaintiff Ashley Jacobson is a licensed attorney in the state of Michigan. Neither admit nor deny the other allegations in this paragraph.
- 53. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 54. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 55. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 56. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 57. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 58. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 59. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 60. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 61. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 62. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 63. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.

64. The allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response.

Stating further, admit that Plaintiffs are entitled to, and that the City of

Detroit provides, equal access to government buildings and services.

Plaintiffs' Injuries as Class Representatives and Class Action Discussion

- 65. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged including all sub-paragraphs.
- 66. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 67. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 68. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 69. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 70. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 71. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 72. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 73. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 74. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 75. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 76. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 77. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.

PARTIES DEFENDANT

- 78. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response. Deny any factual allegations, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 79. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response. Deny any factual allegations, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 80. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 81. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response.
- 82. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response.
- 83. Admit that the City of Detroit is a municipal corporation in the State of Michigan.
- 84. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response.
- 85. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response.
- 86. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response. Deny any factual allegations, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 87. Deny in the manner and form alleged.

88. Admit that the Detroit-Wayne Joint Building Authority is a public body corporate that owns and manages CAYMAC. Neither admit nor deny the remaining allegations.

Defendants Have Injured Each Of The Plaintiffs

- 89. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response. Deny any factual allegations, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged, including sub-paragraphs.
- 90. On in formation and belief, admit that Plaintiff Ashley Jacobson is engaged in the private practice of law in the state of Michigan. Neither admit nor deny the other allegations in this paragraph, including sub-paragraphs.

Inaccessible Toilet Rooms [And Fixtures] Violate Plaintiffs' Constitutional Rights To Bodily Integrity

- 91. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 92. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response. Deny any factual allegations in the manner and form alleged, including sub-paragraphs.
- 93. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response. Deny any factual allegations in the manner and form alleged, including sub-paragraphs.
- 94. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 95. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.

Inaccessible Parking, Sidewalks and Curbs, Grading, Entrances, and Exits, and Interior Spaces

96. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.

- 97. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 98. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 99. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 100. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 101. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 102. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.

DEFENDANTS REPEATEDLY VIOLATE FEDERAL AND STATE DISABILITY LAWS DIRECTLY CAUSING HARM TO PLAINTIFFS AND INTERFERING WITH THEIR RIGHTS, INCLUDING AT THESE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

- 103. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 104. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 105. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 106. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 107. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 108. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.

VIOLATIONS AT THE STATE CAPITOL, MICHIGAN HALL OF JUSTICE, GEORGE W. ROMNEY BUILDING and ANDERSON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

- 109. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 110. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.

VIOLATIONS AT THE COLEMAN A. YOUNG MUNICIPAL CENTER

- 111. Admit that the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center ("CAYMC") was originally known as the City-County Building and was subsequently renamed after former City of Detroit mayor Coleman A. Young.
- 112. Admit that CAYMC is a municipal office building and courthouse comprised of two towers connected by a common lobby. The City of Detroit neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations in this paragraph, including subparagraphs.
- 113. Admit that CAYMC is a building open to the public. Neither admit nor deny the remaining allegations as they state a legal conclusion that does not require a response.
- 114. Admit that CAYMC serves multiple governmental purposes relating to the City of Detroit and Wayne County. CAYMC's primary tenants include the executive and legislative branches of government for the City of Detroit and Wayne County's Third Judicial Circuit Court. The City neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations in this paragraph.
- 115. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged, including sub-paragraphs.
- 116. Admit that CAYMC was planned, financed, built, and is currently operated under the Detroit-Wayne Joint Building Authority. The City neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations in this paragraph.
- 117. Admit that the County entered into an amendment of lease contract on or about March 1, 1988.

- 118. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response.
- 119. Deny in the manner and form alleged, including sub-paragraphs.
- 120. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 121. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 122. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 123. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 124. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 125. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 126. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 127. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.

VIOLATIONS AT THE FRANK MURPHY HALL OF JUSTICE

- 128. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 129. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.

VIOLATIONS AT THE THIRTY SIXTH DISTRICT COURT

- 130. Deny in the manner and form alleged, including sub-paragraphs.
- 131. Deny in the manner and form alleged, including sub-paragraphs.

VIOLATIONS AT THE LINCOLN JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER

- 132. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 133. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.

VIOLATIONS AT THE WAYNE COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON EAST WARREN

- 134. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 135. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 136. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 137. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 138. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 139. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 140. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.

VIOLATIONS AT THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE OFFICES AND CITY OF DETROIT OFFICES IN THE GUARDIAN BUILDING

- 141. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 142. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 143. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.

VIOLATIONS AT THE COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS AND OTHER PUBLIC OFFICES IN THE 400 MONROE STREET BUILDING

- 144. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 145. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.

VIOLATIONS AT THE FRIEND OF THE COURT AND FAMILY COURT OFFICES AND COURTROOMS IN THE PENOBSCOT BUILDING

- 146. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 147. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.

VIOLATIONS AT THE 4TH CIRCUIT COURT AND 94TH DISTRICT COURT BUILDING IN ESCANABA MICHIGAN

- 148. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 149. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.

VIOLATIONS AT THE 44TH CIRCUIT COURT BUILDINGS

- 150. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 151. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.

VIOLATIONS AT THE 11TH CIRCUIT COURT BUILDING

- 152. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 153. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.

VIOLATIONS AT THE 16TH CIRCUIT COURT BUILDING

- 154. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 155. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.

VIOLATIONS AT THE 6TH CIRCUIT COURT BUILDINGS

- 156. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 157. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.

VIOLATIONS AT THE 22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT BUILDING

- 158. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 159. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.

DEFENDANTS' DUTY TO COMPLY WITH RELEVANT STATE AND FEDERAL ACCESSIBILITY LAWS

160. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.

- 161. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 162. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 163. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 164. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 165. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 166. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 167. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.

CAUSES OF ACTION

COUNT I – Violations of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act

- 168. Defendant incorporates by reference the answers set forth in the preceding paragraphs.
- 169. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response.
- 170. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 171. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 172. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response. Deny any factual allegations, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 173. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response.
- 174. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 175. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.

- 176. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 177. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 178. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 179. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 180. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 181. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 182. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 183. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response. Deny any factual allegations, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.

COUNT II – Violations of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

- 184. Count II dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 185. Count II dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 186. Count II dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 187. Count II dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 188. Count II dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 189. Count II dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 190. Count II dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 191. Count II dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 192. Count II dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 193. Count II dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).

- 194. Count II dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 195. Count II dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 196. Count II dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 197. Count II dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).

COUNT III – Violations of the Michigan Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act

- 198. Defendant incorporates by reference the answers set forth in the preceding paragraphs.
- 199. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 200. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response. Deny any factual allegations, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 201. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response.
- 202. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response.
- 203. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response.
- 204. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response.
- 205. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response.

- 206. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response.
- 207. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response.
- 208. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response.
- 209. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response.
- 210. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation states a legal conclusion that does not require a response.
- 211. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 212. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 213. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 214. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 215. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 216. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 217. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 218. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 219. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 220. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 221. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.

- 222. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 223. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.
- 224. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.

COUNT IV – Violations of Michigan Barrier Free Act, Michigan Sidewalks Act, Michigan Construction Code, and Applicable Internation Building and Plumbing Codes

- 225. Count IV dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 226. Count IV dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 227. Count IV dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 228. Count IV dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 229. Count IV dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 230. Count IV dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 231. Count IV dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 232. Count IV dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 233. Count IV dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 234. Count IV dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 235. Count IV dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 236. Count IV dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 237. Count IV dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 238. Count IV dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).

COUNT V – Violation of the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act

- 239. Count V dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 240. Count V dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 241. Count V dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 242. Count V dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 243. Count V dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 244. Count V dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 245. Count V dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 246. Count V dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 247. Count V dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).

DAMAGES

- 248. Defendant incorporates by reference the answers set forth in the preceding paragraphs.
- 249. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information. Admit that the City of Detroit knows its obligations under the law and complies with those obligations.
- 250. Neither admit nor deny for lack of knowledge or information.
- 251. Deny, as to the City of Detroit, in the manner and form alleged.

PUNITIVE DAMAGES

- 252. Claim for punitive damages dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).
- 253. Claim for punitive damages dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order (ECF No. 103).

254. Claim for punitive damages dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order

(ECF No. 103).

255. Claim for punitive damages dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order

(ECF No. 103).

256. Claim for punitive damages dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order

(ECF No. 103).

257. Claim for punitive damages dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order

(ECF No. 103).

258. Claim for punitive damages dismissed by the Court's March 30, 2024 Order

(ECF No. 103).

JURY DEMAND

259. Neither admit nor deny as the allegation does not require a response.

WHEREFORE, the City of Detroit requests that plaintiffs be denied the relief

sought in the Complaint, that the Complaint be dismissed with prejudice, and that

the City of Detroit receive an award of its costs and attorney fees and such further

relief to which it is found entitled by law.

Dated: April 15, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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CITY OF DETROIT'S AFFIRMATIVE AND SPECIAL DEFENSES

Defendant, City of Detroit, asserts the following defenses to the claims in Plaintiff's complaint. Defendant's investigation into the issues raised in the Complaint is at the preliminary stages and Defendants reserve the right to add further affirmative defenses.

- The complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted against Defendant.
- 2. The Complaint is not ripe for adjudication by this Court.
- 3. The Complaint is moot.
- 4. Plaintiffs lack standing to maintain this action either for themselves or on behalf of the alleged class of persons they purport to represent and the purported class fails to meet the requirements for class certification or maintenance of a class action.
- 5. Plaintiffs do not have a private cause of action to enforce regulations promulgated under the Americans with Disabilities Act or the Rehabilitation Act.
- 6. The Complaint is barred in that the relief sought would require Defendants to alter fundamentally the City's services and programs.
- 7. Plaintiffs' claims are barred by the statute of limitations.

- 8. The Complaint is barred in that the relief sought would place an undue financial and administrative burden on the City and would require unreasonable modifications to programs and services.
- 9. The City is not required to make structural changes in existing facilities where other methods are or would be effective to achieve compliance with applicable law.
- 10. The City has a comprehensive system or plan which is effectively providing appropriate services, programs and facilities to plaintiffs and any purported class.
- 11. This court lacks subject matter jurisdiction in that this action seeks to compel a reallocation of taxpayer funds within a fixed and limited City budget to accommodate specific individuals or groups on the basis of arbitrary, indefinite or conflicting professional judgments.
- 12. The relief sought would mandate the manner in which Defendant allocates public funds in relation to existing programs and services, a political judgment which is outside the purview of the court's authority.
- 13. The City is not required to make modifications to historic structures that are structurally impracticable, technically infeasible, and/or which have been satisfied to the maximum extent feasible.
- 14. To the extent that the Complaint alleges violations of law, any such violations were committed by individuals or entities other than Defendant.

Dated: April 15, 2024 Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jesse Halfon

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